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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A car system and control method in which transmission shifting is controlled such that synchronizer damage is avoided. A The state discrimination means 301 device detects or infers the state of each frictional surface of the synchronizers synchronizers 51, 52, —, and 56. The synchronizer selection means 302 selects a A synchronizer for forming an intermediate transfer path is selected according to a parameter indicating the state of the frictional surface detected or inferred by the state discrimination device means 301. The engine Engine torque control means 303 reduces the engine torque according to a parameter indicating the state detected or inferred by the state discrimination device means 301.